



South Troy Brownfields Task Force Meeting Notes October 30, 2002

Background

As the City of Troy works to implement the US EPA funded Brownfield Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program, community input is a critical feature of the process. Community input will take a variety of forms including Public Meetings, the Brownfields Task Force, and outreach via mail, press and the web. This effort is documented in the Community Involvement Plan available at www.troynet.net/brownfields.

This document describes the first Brown Fields Task Force Meeting held on October 30, 2000 at 7:00 PM at Troy City Hall.

For more information please see the project website at www.troynet.net/brownfields or contact Fred Ring, City of Troy (518) 270-4577, Fred.Ring@troyny.org.

Purpose

This first task force meeting was designed to introduce the members of the Task Force to the Brownfields Assessment Pilot Program.

Agenda

Topics covered included:

- Introductions of Task Force Members, Consultant Team Members and City Staff
- Project background including goals, funding, and study area.
- Brownfields terminology, including an introduction to the state and national regulatory framework.
- Project schedule including site selection process from the full study area to **eight sites** for further consideration to **three sites** for environmental testing and finally to **one site** for remedial planning.
- Task force responsibilities (meeting attendance, providing guidance, reviewing reports, acting as a community liaison, maintaining confidentiality and dealing appropriately with the press).
- Next Steps, including the need to review the draft criteria prior to the next meeting scheduled for November 13th.

The full PowerPoint presentation used for the meeting is available from the City.

Discussion

In addition to the items on the Agenda, several discussion items were raised including:

- **Confidentiality**
Several members of the Task Force expressed concern that more guidance was needed regarding the tension between maintaining confidentiality of the data and serving as a liaison to the community. It was suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding should be used to ensure that there is no inappropriate release of data.

- **Additional Information**

Several Task Force members asked for additional background information on the Phase I analysis previously completed. The executive summary from the Phase I analysis is available in the Task Force Binder. The full Phase I report is available and will be provided upon request.

- **Decision Making Authority**

Clarification was requested regarding where final decision making authority rests. . The Task Force is an advisory forum. The Brownfields Task Force was developed at the request of the City in order to ensure that the City receives the best and broadest input from community members. As the recipient of the grant, the City has final responsibility for action, and intends to incorporate the opinion of the Task Force in all decision making.

- **Process for Site Selection.**

The Consultant Team will produce the initial site rankings, the Task Force will have review the team's work and adjust the rankings during the January Task Force meeting.

Attendees

Al Aumenta, South Troy Neighborhood Watch
Denise Ayers, Rensselaer County Department of Health
Jack Bonesteel, Rensselaer County IDA
Tom Blair, Bruno Machinery
Eric Daillie, Rensselaer County Greens
Tim Dufel, Troy Dock & Marina
Joe Fama, TAP
Linda Hill, Niagara Mohawk
Lynn Kopka, Washington Park Association
Kelly Surdam, Center for Economic Growth
Ronald LaPort, Russell Sage
Daniel Geraghty, NYS DOH
Bill Rourke, Planning Commission
Jeff Sperry, C. B. Richard Ellis
Kathy Tremblay, Stow Avenue Neighborhood Association
Nina Tripodi

Margaret Irwin, River Street Planning & Development
Anne Savage, River Street Planning & Development
Rod Aldrich, Sterling Environmental Engineering, PC
Gary Bowitch, Esq.

Jim Conroy, City of Troy
Walt Vandeloo, City of Troy
V. Zubkovs, City of Troy
Fred Ring, City of Troy
Andrea Poley, City of Troy.

Next Meeting

The second Task Force meeting will be at 6:00 PM on November 13th, 2002 at Troy City Hall.